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. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS
AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION
BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED
IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN
NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR
THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES
WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A
DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT
SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST
GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

REVIEW - WEST PRESS

. WEST BERLIN DAILIES TODAY LEAD WITH PRESIDENT
REAGAN'S DEMAND IN VIEW OF THE UPCOMING VENICE ECONOMICS
SUMMIT THAT BONN AND TOKYO PURSUE A POLICY OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); WEST GERMAN CSU LEADER
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STRAUSS' ASKING MOSCOW FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE GERMAN
AIRCRAFT PILOT WHO RECENTLY LANDED IN RED SQUARE
(BERLINER MORGENPOEST); GDR LEADER HONECKER'S
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT THE FRG THIS YEAR

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(VOLKSBLATT); AND RIOTS ON BERLIN'S KURFUERSTENDAMM
(BILDZEITUNG).

. OTHER PROMINENT NEWS STORIES INCLUDE THE KILLING OF
A REFUGEE BY A RUMANIAN SOLDIER ON HUNGARIAN TERRITORY
(DER TAGESSPIEGEL); AGREEMENT IN GENEVA ON AN INF
DISARMAMENT DRAFT TREATY (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); BULGARIAN
HEAD OF STATE SHIVKOV'S VISIT TO BONN WITH TALKS
FOCUSSING ON DISARMAMENT (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL); FRG
PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER'S CALL FOR A NEW ERA OF
COOPERATION WITH THE EAST (DIE WELT); THE FRG GREENS
DISPUTE OVER THEIR APPROACH TO VIOLENCE (VOLKSBLATT);
AND U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK CHAIRMAN VOLCKER'S
RESIGNATION (VOLKSBLATT).

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF:

. U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ, IN A "WOLLDNET" TV
PRESS CONFERENCE LINKED TO BERLIN'S AMERICA HOUSE,
YESTERDAY SAID EFFORTS IN GENERAL SHOULD FOCUS ON
REMOVING THE DIVIDING LINE IN EUROPE, WHICH INCLUDES THE
WALL IN BERLIN. HE SAID THE WALL IS A REALITY AND A
SYMBOL OF THE DIVISION. HE UNDERScoreD THAT AMERICA
WOULD PREFER TO SEE BERLIN AS AN OPEN CITY WITHOUT THE
WALL. AS IN THE PAST, AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON
THAT QUESTION SO THAT THE CITY CAN LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.
IN VIEW OF THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY, THE SECRETARY
UNDERScoreD BERLIN'S VITALITY AND STEADFASTNESS
(BERLINER MORGENPOST, BILDZEITUNG FRONTPAGE, DER
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TAGESSPIEGEL PG 3, BZ PG 4).

. GDR LEADER HONECKER IN AN INTERVIEW WITH DUTCH
JOURNALISTS SAID HE SEES NO REASON FOR REMOVING THE WALL
BECAUSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAVE LED TO BUILDING THE
WALL HAVE NOT DISAPPEARED. COOPERATION BETWEEN
DIFFERING SYSTEMS IS ABSOLUTELY POSSIBLE, HE SAID.
HONECKER ALSO SAID IT IS "VERY LIKELY" THAT HE WILL
VISIT THE FRG THIS YEAR. BONN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN
FRIEDHELM OST NOTED: "WE WILL NOT EMBARK ON
SPECULATION... HONECKER WILL MAKE THE DECISION AS TO WHEN
HE WANTS TO COME" (MOST PAPERS).

. EAST BERLIN MAYOR (DIE WELT: "ADMINISTRATION CHIEF")
KRACK IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE EAST BERLIN INTERNATIONAL

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CONFERENCE OF MAYORS REJECTED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GDR HAS A DISTURBED RELATIONSHIP TO HISTORY. HOWEVER, HE FAILED TO MENTION THE DIVISION OF GERMANY (BERLINER MORGENPOST, DIE WELT, DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. THE NUMBER OF GDR EXIT VISAS FOR EAST GERMAN RESIDENTS REACHED ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN MAY. ONLY 605 EAST GERMANS WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO LEAVE (DIE WELT).

. THE BUNDESTAG GREENS PARTY HAS CANCELLED ITS DECISION TO HAVE ITS FIRST EVER MEETING IN BERLIN IN JUNE. BERLIN'S AL IN A LETTER TO THE GREENS SCOTCHED THE IDEA (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. CHANCELLOR KOHL AND BUNDESTAG CHAIRMAN JENNINGER, THE LANDLORD OF BERLIN'S REICHSTAG, HAVE DECIDED THAT

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THE BUILDING'S ORIGINAL GLAS DOME BE REBUILT. THEY ALSO REACHED AGREEMENT THAT ARTIST CHRISTO'S REQUEST FOR "WRAPPING" THE REICHSTAG BE TURNED DOWN (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION TO MARK THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF BENNO OHNESORG DURING AN ANTI-SHAH DEMONSTRATION IN BERLIN, LED TO RIOTS ON THE KURFUERSTENDAMM LAST NIGHT. SIX RIOTERS WERE ARRESTED (BILDZEITUNG, BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. THE SPOKESMAN OF BERLIN'S INTERIOR ADMINISTRATION, HANS BIRKENBEUL, HAS SAID THAT, GIVEN BERLIN'S SPECIAL STATUS, THE REQUEST THAT 1,000 POLICEMEN FROM THE FRG BE TEMPORARILY DEPLOYED TO BERLIN DURING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO THE CITY NEEDS ALLIED APPROVAL (DER UNCLASSIFIED

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TAGESSPIEGEL)

. TO MARK PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO BERLIN ON JUNE 12, THE WEST GERMAN POSTAL SERVICE PREPARED A SPECIAL POST MARK WHICH WILL BE USED ONLY BY THE TEMPELHOF POST OFFICES AT TEMPELHOF AIRPORT AND BRANDENBURG GATE ON THE DAY OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT (BZ ET AL).

. PAN AM VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT L. GOULD IN NEW YORK HAS SAID THAT THE AIRLINE WILL EXTEND ITS REGIONAL SERVICE FROM BERLIN. THERE WILL BE NO COOPERATIVE VENTURES WITH OTHER AIRLINES, HE SAID (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. RUSSIAN-AMERICAN PIANIST HOROWITZ IS BACK IN BERLIN TO WILL GIVE A PERFORM AT THE BERLIN PHILHARMONIC BUILDING ON JUNE 7 (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. FORMER TIERGARTEN DISTRICT MAYOR QUELL, ACCUSED OF

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ACCEPTING BRIBES, YESTERDAY GOT A SUSPENDED SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS AND WAS FINED 30,000 DM (MOST PAPERS).

. THE CHIEF OF THE EC PARLIAMENT'S RECENTLY FOUNDED PETITION COMMITTEE, RAPHAEL CHANTERIE, YESTERDAY AT SCHOENEBOURG CITY HALL HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE UNDERScoreD THAT ALL EUROPEANS FACING PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF EXISTING BORDERS CAN TURN TO HIS OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).
REVIEW - EAST PRESS

. THE TOP STORIES ARE GDR PARTY AND STATE CHIEF ERICH HONECKER'S RECEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE JAPANESE MEDIA ASSOCIATION AND NIPPON TELEVISION NETWORK, YOSHI UNCLASSIFIED

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KOBAYASHI FOR AN INTERVIEW ON DISARMAMENT AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND MOST OTHERS); THE BERLIN INTERNATIONAL MAYORS' MEETING (BERLINER ZEITUNG); AND GDR CHIEF HONECKER'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS TODAY (ALL PAPERS).

. THE DAILIES FRONTPAGE DUTCH PRESS REPORTS UNDERLINING THE NETHERLANDS' INTEREST IN EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH THE GDR (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND MOST OTHERS); U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT IN GENEVA ON A DRAFT TREATY TO ELIMINATE INF'S IN EUROPE (NEUE ZEIT ET AL); GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE VIENNA CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT WARSAW PACT SUMMIT IN (EAST) BERLIN (NEUE ZEIT); THE MOSCOW 40TH CONFERENCE OF THE GDR-USSR GOVERNMENT PARITY COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNO-SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION (NEUE ZEIT); SED POLITBURO MEMBER WERNER FELFE'S WARSAW TALK WITH POLISH LEADER WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI (MOST PAPERS); AND (EAST) BERLIN MAYOR ERHARD KRACK'S OPENING OF THE EXHIBIT "GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD," WHICH FEATURES GIFTS FROM 125 COUNTRIES ON BERLIN'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY (BERLINER ZEITUNG).

NEWS BRIEFS:

. IN HIS TALK WITH JOURNALISTS FROM THREE DUTCH NEWSPAPERS AND THE ANP NEWS AGENCY, GDR LEADER HONECKER SAID THAT HE MAY PAY HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE FRG THIS YEAR. HE ADDED: "CHANCELLOR KOHL AND I AGREED TO SET A

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DATE WHEN THE TIME IS FAVORABLE. WE ARE IN CONTACT
ABOUT THIS. BUT A VISIT MUST MAKE SENSE, WHICH WOULD BE

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THE CASE ESPECIALLY IF SOMETHING COULD BE ACHIEVED IN
THE AREA OF PEACE." HONECKER REJECTED CALLS FOR GERMAN
REUNIFICATION CITING CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VIEW ON
UNIFICATION BASED ON THE FRG SOCIAL SYSTEM. THE
"ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD" REPORTS HONECKER AS SAYING THAT A
REMOVAL OF THE WALL IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THE MOMENT, BUT
UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS EVERYTHING IS THINKABLE.

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HONECKER ADDS THAT THE MORE TRADE EXPANDS THE MORE EAST GERMANS WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE WEST. "IT HAS BECOME A QUESTION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY," HE SAYS (ALL PAPERS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE).

. ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS VISIT TO THE FRG STATE OF SAARLAND, SED POLITBURO MEMBER JOACHIM HERRMANN SIGNED THE GOLDEN BOOK OF SAARBRUECKEN, WHICH RECENTLY BECAME THE SISTER CITY OF COTTBUS, GDR. MAYOR HELMUT MUELLER SAID THE FACT THAT THE LORD MAYOR OF SAARBRUECKEN IS ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL MAYORS' MEETING IN BERLIN

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PROVES THAT ONE CAN OVERCOME MUCH THAT DIVIDES. HERRMANN ALSO VISITED SAARLOUIS, THE FIRST GDR SISTER CITY IN THE FRG (MOST PAPERS).

. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICES IN DEVELOPING GDR-JAPANESE RELATIONS, DRESDEN SED CHIEF HANS MODROW, CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR-JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP, ON TUESDAY WAS PRESENTED WITH THE MEDAL OF THE HOLY TREASURE, AN AWARD FROM JAPANESE EMPEROR HIROHITO (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG).

COMMENTARY - WEST PRESS

PRESIDENT REAGAN ON THE GULF

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST'S DIETRICH W. SCHULTZ REVIEWS PRESIDENT'S SPEECH MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN. SHULTZ OBSERVES: "PRESIDENT REAGAN IS DETERMINED TO MAKE THE DEFENSE OF THE GULF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS ON THE VENICE SUMMIT AGENDA....DISARMAMENT WILL NOT PLAY A MAJOR PART AT THE MEETING..."

. TABLOID BZ IN A PAGE-TWO COMMENTARY SAYS: "WE WANT TO HAVE IT WARM AND COZY AT HOME, AND HEATING FUEL SHOULD NOT BE EXPENSIVE -- WE LET THE U.S. TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

. "WE OWE IT ONLY TO THE U.S. THAT THE OIL FROM THE MIDDLE EAST IS STILL FLOWING. AMERICA STANDS GUARD AT THE GULF TO PREVENT IRAQ AND IRAN FROM THEIR OWN STUPIDITY.

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. "HOWEVER, STANDING GUARD IS VERY EXPENSIVE. THE U.S. JUST RECENTLY HAD TO PAY DEARLY: THE ATTACK ON FRIGATE 'STARK' EXACTED A HEAVY SACRIFICE.

. "NOTHING CAN BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN THE U.S. DEMAND THAT THE EUROPEANS CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY AND MILITARILY TO THE PROTECTION OF THE OIL SHIPPING.

. "HOWEVER, EUROPE IS RATHER DEAF IN THAT EAR -- AMERICA CAN SEE TO IT THAT WE EUROPEANS HAVE IT WARM AT HOME AND THAT OIL REMAINS CHEAP. ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT THE AMERICANS MIGHT SOME DAY GROW DEAF AND NOT LISTEN WHEN EUROPE CRIES FOR HELP?"

THE VENICE AND EC SUMMIT MEETINGS

. THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL IN A FRONTPAGE COMMENTARY SAYS: "WASHINGTON DEMANDS THAT ESPECIALLY JAPAN AND THE FRG MAKE GREAT EFFORTS TO STIMULATE THEIR ECONOMIES TO PREVENT RECESSION, FOLLOWING THE RECENT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. IT WOULD BE A HUGE SUCCESS IF ONE COULD SAY AFTER THE VENICE MEETING THAT THE COURSE TOWARD REMOVING IMBALANCE HAD BEEN SET IN SUCH A WAY THAT BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS COULD CAPITALIZE ON IT. HOWEVER, SKEPTICISM IS CALLED FOR SO LONG AS NATIONALISM AND EGOTISM ARE THE DETERMINING FACTORS.

. "THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE EC SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RESEMBLES AN ETERNAL CONSTRUCTION SITE.

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NEGOTIATIONS STILL LEAD TO BARTERING UNDER THE MOTTO:
'POSITIVE IS ONLY WHAT FILLS MY OWN POCKETS.'

"IN THIS, HOWEVER, THE TWO GREAT JUNE-SUMMITS SHARE
A FATAL FLAW: THE RESPONSIBLE POLITICIANS SIMPLY REFUSE
TO ACCEPT THAT THE GREAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CAN BE
RESOLVED ONLY THROUGH COOPERATION AND CERTAINLY NOT AT
THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS." KORNBLUM

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